

**MISSOURI CHILDREN'S DIVISION
STATE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR
FFY 2007 & FFY 2008**

Developed on March 24, 2007

GOAL:

I. Youth in care are engaged in positive youth development and permanency.

Objectives:

- a. SYAB members will participate in training to increase youth driven FST's – June 2007

Tasks:

- 1. Members involved in St. Louis Aging Out Initiative will train youth – August 2007
- 2. Members will co-train workers in the Older Youth Program – May – December 2007

- b. SYAB members will increase involvement and partnership with CASA to promote permanency for older youth – September 2007 – August 2008

Tasks:

- 1. Members and CASA develop “host” homes for youth to stay at during college breaks and other breaks – December 2007
- 2. SYAB members present at CASA activities and conferences – September 2007

- c. Update “What’s It All About” booklet – July 2007

- d. Update “What’s It All About” video & look at making it from a perspective that youth in care could benefit from also – October 2007

- e. Develop and hold a Youth Empowering Youth & Adult Conference- every other year (off year dedicated to policy, training, and leadership strengthening) – July 2008

- f. Inform foster care youth about services available to them

Tasks:

- 1. Develop brochures: - January 2008
- “10 things you can do to get involved....”

GOAL:

II. Youth in care have connections to other youth in care and out of care.

Objectives:

- a. SYAB members develop and distribute newsletter to youth in care – June 2008

Tasks:

- 1. Members will need to define what news to distribute and who will contribute and who to distribute to – October 2007

- b. SYAB Members will develop and coordinate a Peer-To-Peer Mentoring Network – August 2008
 - Tasks:
 - 1. Members contact foster care alumni to engage in helping set up the mentoring network – June 2007
 - 2. Members write grant application for CJA Grant to fund mentoring network – July 2007
 - 3. SYAB will research and learn about the Foster Care Alumni Association to determine if this would be a viable support - October 2007
- c. SYAB Members will develop Youth Crisis Volunteers for new youth coming into care – August 2008
 - Tasks:
 - 1. SYAB will develop a plan/program to define Youth Crisis Volunteers – October 2007
 - 2. SYAB will present this plan Children’s Division Management – January 2008
 - 3. Upon Children’s Division approval:
 - SYAB members will be trained on crisis intervention – April 2008
 - SYAB members will train other foster care youth in crisis intervention – June 2008
- d. SYAB develops a message board with members only password – October 2007

GOAL:

III. External community is aware of needs of foster youth.

Objectives:

- a. SYAB Members will draft of foster youth “white sheet”/fact sheet to distribute to the public about issues and statistics relevant to foster care youth – July 2007
- b. SYAB Members will attend various speaking engagements - Ongoing
- c. SYAB Members will meet with legislators locally - Ongoing
- d. SYAB Members will attend Child Advocacy Day – Ongoing -annually
- e. SYAB Members will write letters to advocate on behalf of foster care youth’s needs: On-going
 - Tasks:
 - 1. Submit letter explaining purpose and strategic plan of SYABto Senator Rita Days, chairman of Children’s Services Commission – July 2007
 - 2. Send letter to the Insurance Commission and State Farm Insurance requesting a group insurance policy for foster care youth car insurance. – June 2007
- f. SYAB Members will be actively involved in work groups – On-going

GOAL:

IV. SYAB is self-sufficient.

Objectives:

- a. SYAB will develop a Fund-raising Program – December 2007

Tasks:

- 1. Appoint fiscal agent who would set up a SYAB account
– October 2007
- b. SYAB Members will research and collaborate with other state boards
– October 2007

GOAL:

V. SYAB is an effective board.

Objectives:

- a. SYAB Members will receive various training as determined necessary by the board and liaison – Ongoing
- b. SYAB Members will participate and plan retreat – Ongoing - annually
- c. SYAB Members will model mentoring within board - Ongoing
- d. SYAB Members will develop a plan to implement increased communication between board members outside of meeting – July 2007
- e. SYAB will increase national involvement – June 2008

Tasks:

- 1. SYAB Members will submit individual applications to the Orphan Foundation of America Internship Program - Annually
- 2. SYAB Members will submit individual application to the Congressional Foster Youth Internship Program - Annually
- 3. SYAB Members will submit individual applications to the FosterClub All-Stars - Annually
- 4. SYAB Members will attend national conferences (individually or as board) - Ongoing
- f. SYAB Executive Team (Chair, Vice-Chair, Scribe, Co-Scribe, Censor & Ex-Officio member) will participate in monthly conference calls
– Ongoing